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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 2, 5, 16, 19, 23, and 26 without prejudice or disclaimer, and amend claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 8-13, 15, 18, 21, 24, and 25 as follows:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A method of selecting prints of photographs from a digital film medium, the method comprising:

(i) printing a selection sheet of thumbnail representations of photographs available on the medium to be printed, the selection sheet further comprising a plurality of selection fields, each thumbnail representation being associated with at least one selection field;

(ii) marking one or more of said selection fields according to a user choice of photographs to be printed;

(iii) inspecting the selection sheet to determine which of said selection fields has been marked in step (ii); and

(iv) performing one or more actions relating to the photographs stored on said digital medium, in accordance with said marked selection fields,

wherein, for each thumbnail representation, a corresponding plurality of selection fields are provided, one type of said corresponding plurality of selection fields being a "deletion" field which, when marked, designates that a particular photograph

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corresponding to the marked deletion field is to be deleted from the film medium in step (iv).

Claim 2 (cancelled).

Claim 3 (currently amended): A method according to claim [[2]] 1, wherein step (iv) includes a printing step₁ and one type of said corresponding plurality of selection fields designates a print format in which the photograph represented by said thumbnail representation is to be printed in step (iv).

Claim 4 (currently amended): A method according to claim [[2]] 1, wherein step (iv) includes a printing step₁ and one type of said corresponding plurality of selection fields designates a number of prints of photographs corresponding to a particular thumbnail representation to be printed in step (iv).

Claim 5 (cancelled).

Claim 6 (currently amended): A method according to claim 1, wherein said selection sheet is also provided with an identifier which is unique to the digital film medium and[[,]] wherein, in step (iii)₁ said unique identifier is inspected in a preliminary step and, if the unique identifier does not correspond to a unique

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identifier allocated to the digital film medium, then the method terminates.

Claim 7 (original): A method according to claim 6, wherein said unique identifier comprises a bar code.

Claim 8 (currently amended): A method according to claim 1, wherein step (iv) is a printing step, and in step (ii) a user fills in one or more of the selection fields according to user choice of photograph to be printed, user choice of number of prints of said photographs to be printed and user choice of format of said photograph to be printed.

Claim 9 (currently amended): A method according to claim 1, wherein marking of said selection fields in step (ii) comprises filling in said selection field so as to change said selection field from a light, unselected[[,]] condition to a dark, selected[[,]] condition.

Claim 10 (currently amended): A method according to claim 1, wherein in said step (iii) the marked selection sheet is scanned.

Claim 11 (currently amended): A method according to claim 1, wherein in said step (iii) only those parts of the selection sheet corresponding to selection fields are inspected, and the information

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gleaned from the inspection is processed to determine whether said selection fields are marked or unmarked.

Claim 12 (*currently amended*): A method according to claim 1, the method being performed by a printer including a scanning mechanism in a feed path of the printer, wherein in step (i), the selection sheet is printed on the basis of data input directly to the printer by a digital film media interface, activating the printer to print out said selection sheet which is thereafter, in step (ii), manually marked by a user according to the user choice, the mark selection sheet then being input to the printer feed path and scanned by the scanning mechanism so as to perform the inspecting step (iii), data obtained during the inspecting step then being used to perform the printing in step (iv) of said one or more photographs.

Claim 13 (*currently amended*): A digital film enabled printer, said printer including a print head, a first interface for reading data from a digital film medium, a user interface for receiving commands from a user, a detector located in a sheet feed path of the printer, a processor for processing data from said digital film medium and user commands from said user interface, the processor being arranged to create and to print out, using the print head, a

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selection sheet of thumbnail representations ~~[[for]]~~ of photographs available on the medium to be printed, said selection sheet ~~further~~ comprising a plurality of selection fields, each of said thumbnail representations being associated with at least one of said selection fields, the processor being ~~further~~ arranged for processing data from said detector so as to enable a user-marked selection sheet input to the printer via the printer feed path to be inspected and a determination to be made as to which, if any, selection fields have been marked by the user and to enable the performance of one or more actions relating to the photographs stored on the digital film medium in accordance with the marked selection fields, wherein, for each thumbnail representation printed, a plurality of selection fields are printed, one type of said plurality of selection fields, when marked, designating that the photograph corresponding to the thumbnail representation is to be deleted from the digital film media, the processor being arranged to respond to the marking indicating deletion by deleting from the digital film medium the image associated with the deleted marking.

Claim 14 (previously presented): A printer according to claim 13, wherein said detector comprises a scanning mechanism associated with the print head of the printing means.

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Claim 15 (*currently amended*): A printer according to claim **14**, wherein said scanning mechanism is attached to the print head and is movable transversely across the feed path in response to signals from the processor.

Claim 16 (*cancelled*).

Claim 17 (*previously presented*): A printer according to claim **13**, wherein one type of said plurality of selection fields designates, when marked, the print format in which the photograph represented by said thumbnail representation is to be printed.

Claim 18 (*currently amended*): A printer according to claim **[[16]] 13**, wherein one type of said selection fields designates, when marked, the number of prints of photographs corresponding to a particular thumbnail representation to be printed.

Claim 19 (*cancelled*).

Claim 20 (*previously presented*): A printer according to claim **13**, wherein said processor is further arranged to read a unique identifier from the digital film medium via the first interface and to create and print out, using the print head, a unique sheet identifier on said selection sheet.

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Claim 21 (currently amended): A printer according to claim 20, wherein said detector is further arranged for reading the unique sheet identifier, and[[,]] the processor is arranged so that if the unique sheet identifier does not correspond to the unique identifier of the digital film media, then the performance of said one or more actions is inhibited.

Claim 22 (previously presented): A printer according to claim 20, wherein said unique sheet identifier comprises a bar code.

Claim 23 (cancelled).

Claim 24 (currently amended): A method of printing images carried by a digital film medium by using an apparatus including (a) a reader of the images on the digital film medium, (b) a printer for forming (i) thumbnail photographs of the images read by the reader and (ii) a selection field including a delete selection associated with each of the photographs, and (c) a detector for markings on the selection fields[[;]], the method comprising:

inserting the digital film medium into the reader;
causing the reader to read the images on the digital film;
applying a sheet to the printer;

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transferring the images read by the reader to the printer and
thence to the sheet applied to the printer so thumbnail photographs
of the transferred images are printed by the printer on the sheet;

causing the printer to apply to the sheet a selection field for
each of the thumbnail photographs on the sheet;

marking the selection field associated with at least one of the
thumbnail photographs;

reinserting the sheet with the thumbnail photographs and the
marked selection field into the apparatus;

reading the marked selection field with the detector; [[and]]

subsequently printing the at least one of the thumbnail
photographs in accordance with the markings therefor;

marking the delete selection for one of the thumbnail
photographs;

reading the delete selection with the detector while the sheet
with the marked delete selection is reinserted in the apparatus; and

responding to the read delete selection marking by removing
from the digital film the image associated with the delete selection
marking.

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Claim 25 (currently amended): A method according to claim 24, wherein the images are transferred to the sheet by causing the sheet to move relative to the printer via a predetermined path[[]] and further including the step of causing the sheet, when reinserted into the apparatus, to move relative to the detector via the same predetermined path.

Claim 26 (cancelled).

Claim 27 (previously presented): Apparatus comprising the reader, printer and detector set forth in the preamble of claim 24 in combination with a processor for performing the transferring, reading and both causing steps of claim 24.

Claim 28 (previously presented): A method of deleting an image carried by a digital film medium by using a sheet including thumbnail photographs of images on the digital film medium and a selection field associated with each of the thumbnail photographs, the selection fields including a delete entry, the method comprising:

marking the delete entry for the image to be deleted from the digital film medium;

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inserting the sheet with the thumbnail photographs and the marked delete entry into an apparatus including a detector for the markings on the selection fields;

reading the marked delete entry with the detector; and

removing from the digital film medium the image associated with the marked delete entry by responding to the marked delete entry read by the detector.

Claim 29 (previously presented): Apparatus comprising the detector of claim 28 in combination with a processor for performing the removing step of claim 28.

Claim 30 (previously presented): A sheet for controlling deletion of images carried by a digital film medium, the sheet being adapted for use with an apparatus including a detector for markings on the sheet and a processor for controlling removal of the image from the digital film medium, the sheet comprising:

plural thumbnail photographs of images carried by the digital film medium, each of said thumbnail photographs being associated with a selection field, the selection field including a delete entry,

the delete entry being positioned and arranged on the sheet so that in response to the delete entry being marked, the detector

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causes the processor to remove the image associated with the marked
delete entry from the digital film medium.